GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries & Accounts Department– Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, Joint Director (Retd.) of Treasuries and Accounts Department - Allegations of acquisition of disproportionate of assets to the known sources of income – Not obtained prior permission for acquiring immovable properties and not submitted annual property statements in terms of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964 – Departmental Proceedings under Rule-9 of APRP Rules,1980 read with Rule-20 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges framed – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Appointment of Inquiry Officer - Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 525

Dated: 10-03-2025
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.206, Finance (Admn.I) Department, Dt.06.10.2023.
2. Written Statement of defence of Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, Joint Director (Retd) Dt. 19.02.2024
3. DTA e-File No. FIN02-17026/17/2023-G SEC-DTA (C.No. 2251333)

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ORDER:

Whereas in the G.O. first read above, charges were framed against Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Visakhapatnam District now Joint Director (Retired) of Treasuries and Accounts Department for not obtaining prior permission from the competent authority for acquiring immovable properties and non submission of Annual Property Returns as per Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964. In the reference second read above, the Charged Officer denying the charges has submitted her written statement of defence.

2. And whereas, an inquiry under Sub-rule (2) of Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, is being held against Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Visakhapatnam District now Joint Director (Retired) of Treasuries and Accounts Department.

3. And whereas, it is considered that an Inquiring Authority should be appointed to inquire into the charges framed against Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Visakhapatnam District now Joint Director (Retired) of Treasuries and Accounts Department.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-rule (2) of Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint Smt. K. Padmaja, Additional Director, Treasuries & Accounts Department presently working as Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., as Inquiry Officer, to conduct a regular detailed inquiry into the charges framed against Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Visakhapatnam District now Joint Director (Retired) of Treasuries and Accounts Department.

(P.T.O.)

5. The Inquiry Authority shall conduct Inquiry as per the provisions under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and complete the Inquiry within the stipulated time as prescribed and submit the report to the Government for taking further necessary action.

6. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri shall arrange the necessary records to the Inquiry Officer to conduct the Inquiry.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. NIVAS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RM)

To
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Smt. K. Padmaja, Additional Director of T&A Dept., presently working as PAO, AP through DAT.
Copy to:
Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, Joint Director(Retired) through DTA.
The Director General, ACB, Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER